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1. The reply filed on 13 August 2001 (Paper No. 15) is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the election of group II directed to new claims 56-66 and 78-88 still is confusing because the how claims 56-66 are related is not clear. For example, 57 and 69 are drawn to overlapping SEQ ID NO:.. See 37 CFR 1.111.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. Extensions of this time period may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Pak, whose telephone number is (703) 305-7038. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM.

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